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Staff photo by Karen Marshall

Les AuCoin spoke at the ELC pavilion opening last Sunday.

## AuCoin speaks ELC pavilion opens in non-traditional fashion

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With a flourish of ribbons and plies, the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center Pavilion was officially opened Sunday. In a departure from the traditional scissor-slicing ceremony, an interpretive dance followed dedicatory remarks by ELC Project Director Jerry Herrmann, and ribbons across the entrance to the pavilion were untied in the course of the dance.

Under muted skies and occasional drizzle, a crowd of about 100 attended the ceremonies, which featured a keynote address by First Congressional District Representative Les AuCoin. The crowd included College faculty members Les Tipton and Norm Bursheim, ASG Secretary Ginger Olney, as well as members of the public.

In place of what were once two waste water tanks for the old Smuckers Jelly Plant now stands the 1400-square-foot pavilion. Valued at \$1 million, the facility features such en-

vironmental technologies as a pre-heat solar water tank, passive solar heating and a forced-air wood burning furnace. A composting toilet is on the way.

After his opening remarks, Director Herrmann introduced Sue Plaisance, president of the Association for Environmental Education, an organization which was been at the forefront of the development of the center. Plaisance mentioned three of the uses of the center as being a wildlife habitat, a recreation area for the public and a recycling project. "But," said Plaisance, "now that the actual construction is finished, our current thrust is to develop environmental education programs."

Congressman AuCoin called the pavilion's completion "remarkable. It's fitting that the facility is dedicated to the concept of environmental education, because environmental education has never been more important," he said.

AuCoin, who has a strong record on environmental

issues, used the occasion to attack the policies of Secretary of the Interior James Watt. Specifically, AuCoin took issue with the opening of certain oil and natural gas leases off the coast of Northern California, a plan which Watt supports, and which AuCoin called "cockamamie. Oregonians who love clean beaches should stand forwarned," said AuCoin. "Ocean currents know no state boundaries. We're talking about environmental disaster."

Nan Hage-Herrmann, designer of the pavilion, spent much of her speech thanking the numerous businesses and organizations which have contributed services and materials free-of-charge. She also thanked the College, saying, "Where would we be without them?"

After the ribbons had been untied, the crowd mingled with the dignitaries in touring the site and being entertained by an exhibition of Native American Art and the fiddle music of the group, "Pepper's Black."

## May blood drive to help solve plasma shortage in hospitals

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Every day, 450 units of blood are needed by the 80 hospitals served by the Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross. To that end, the College is sponsoring a blood drive May 27 in the Community Center.

The drive will run for four hours, beginning at 10 a.m. and finishing at 2 p.m.

"We're expecting about 100," said Dick Edwards, ASG activities director. "These last few years we've been exceeding our expectations, though. Last year we had estimated 75 and received a record 101 donors. So this year we'll have more cots and less waiting time. We're also planning on having a concealed area for the squeamish," he said.

"Because we are a community college and have close ties to the community, the Red Cross likes to try out new techniques here," Edwards said. "So, this year, we're trying to have people sign up on a time schedule we're passing out around the campus. If people do that and stick to the schedule, it will speed up the process," he said.

There are some requirements that must be met before a person may donate blood. To be eligible, a donor must be between the ages of 17 and 65 and weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors also must not have donated blood within the past eight weeks.

Some illnesses and medications require a deferral time. Those with colds, flu, hay fever, allergy shots or bee stings are deferred until the donor is feeling better. Any person receiving immuniza-

tions for most communicable diseases must defer donating blood for up to two months, depending on the immunization. Anyone having received a tattoo or plasma transfusion must wait six months to donate.

In addition, expectant mothers will be deferred until three months after delivery, unless they choose to breastfeed, in which case their wait must be extended to six months. Any person who has ever had hepatitis is ineligible to donate, due to the possibility of being a lifetime carrier.

Each unit of blood collected will be fractioned off into three components: plasma for burn and shock victims, red cells for open heart surgery and anemic patients, and platelets for leukemia and cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

"I'll be helping and donating, as will 99 percent of ASG," said Edwards. "We're proud of our school. Every year we blow away PCC, and we're doing our best to catch up to Mt. Hood."



Above: Student watches (L to R) Dr. Feldesman, Dr. Chittick, and Hicks.



## Scientific Creationism causes serious debate

A hundred and fifty people, sitting intently, stare at the four professors, each an expert in the field of Darwinism, creationism or scientific creationism.

That was the atmosphere of the Scientific Creationism Debate, which evolved in the Randall Hall Gym, May 13-15. The three professors (Dr. Donald Chittick, an independent biologist; Dr. Richard Thomas, a paleontologist from PSU; and Dr. Marc Feldesman, an anthropologist) conversed for three days, Chittick on

creationism, Feldesman on evolution and Thomas on the evolutionary hypothesis.

On Friday, Dr. David Hicks, a theistic evolutionist, threw his two cents into the ring. The pennies rang out the thought that the Bible and Darwin go together like bread and butter.

Organized much like a "Town Hall Tonight" production, the forum gave the foursome a chance to field questions from the spectators, many there for college credit.

